Setting up of Laboratories

2838. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up biological control and Pesticide Quality Control Laboratories and Soil Testing Laboratories in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many of such Laboratories are likely to be established in the State of Bihar;

(d) whether Government have identified the areas in the State where these Laboratories are to be established;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) It is proposed to strengthen the existing network of biological control and pesticide quality control laboratories. The States have been requested to indicate appropriate locations for the setting up of new laboratories. There is no such proposal in respect of soil testing laboratories. However, Central assistance can be provided for the setting-up of mobile soil testing laboratories under the Scheme "Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilisers."

(c) to (f) Proposals from the Government of Bihar are as yet awaited.

Convention on Locust Control

2839. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRIMATI ILA PANDA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Convention on Locust Control has lately been amended;

(b) what is the convention as it stands today; and

(c) whether Government feel that the provisions of the Convention have become outdated in view of the latest technological development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The International Convention on Locust Control is comprised of (i) FAO Desert Locust Control Committee. India is one of the members alongwith other locust prone countries in Africa and Asia; (ii) FAO Regional Commission for Controlling Desert Locust in South West Asia—having India, Pakistan, Iran and Afganistan as the other members.

(c) No Sir. The provisions of the Convention are relevant and useful and can be used in conjunction with lastest technological development.

2840. *[Transferred to 17th December, 1992]*

तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम का कार्यान्वयन

2841. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग:
श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विभिन्न राज्य सरकारें केन्द्रीय सरकार के सहयोग से तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित कर रही हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इन राज्यों को आवश्यक बीज यथासम्भव उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या-क्या प्रबंध किये हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार कोई अधिनियम पारित कर ऐसी कोई नीति अपनाने का विचार रखती है जिसके अन्तर्गत